

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to incorporate the priority claim.

Claims 1-55 were present in the application as filed. Claims 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 18, 26, 29, 31 and 37 are amended. Claims 3, 5, 11-12, 17, 19-25, 27-28, 30, 33, 35-36, and 39-55 are canceled herein without prejudice. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Amendment of the originally filed claims or cancellation of any claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence, narrowing, or surrender of any subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the originally filed claims, or similar ones, in the instant or subsequently filed patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment. Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at (617) 832-1738. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, FFD-001.01.**

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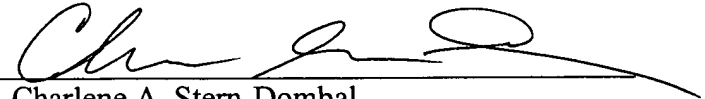
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